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8. A cable elevator, comprising: first parallel guides arranged in a first vertical plane; second parallel guides separate from the first parallel guides and arranged in a second vertical plane; a cage movably arranged on the first guides; a counterweight movably arranged on the second guides; an engine mount fastened to the first guides and to the second guides; and a drive engine arranged on the engine mount.

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17. A cable elevator as in claim 16, wherein said engine mount is fixed to said mutually opposed outer sides.

19. A cable elevator as in claim 18, wherein said first guides extend upward beyond said engine mount and accommodate at least one of said counterweight and said drive engine therebetween, said lower and upper guide elements forming a space therebetween which permits said cage to move vertically past said at least one of said counterweight and said drive engine.